

to put in the places they see the greatest need, wherever that be in the state, and the best situation in terms of offices is a management decision we are delegating to them and expect them to carry out. And we also, I would anticipate, that not all those 23 offices they have slated to close would need to close and I would argue and have talked to the director over there at DSS, and I think he would agree with this position, that we ought to give him the flexibility to go forward and discuss each of those offices on their merits, and with the staffing that we provide through this bill, he would have the flexibility, I think, to determine what was best in terms of staffing, offices and services. So I would tend to disagree on the point that the Governor made in her veto message and say that I think that situation is open and ought to remain open and would encourage the Governor to take that position as well.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Lamb, please, on the motion to override.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I rise to make sure that my intentions are known. I want to carefully articulate my reasons for supporting the override. I think there are two perceptions here; one, that this is just the first of a long list of reinstatements of special session cuts, busting the budget proposals and that sort of thing and that this vote is indicative of the body's intent in those regards, in that regard. And I would like to make sure that the people understand that that is not my intent, that to me this is a relatively small issue, it's an individual issue and that I do realize that there is a budget crisis and that we will have to look at the budget very carefully, be very conservative, but I do believe that this project, this money, should be reinstated. Now some people are going to say you voted to delete this in the special session, and that is true, and let me explain. If you'll remember the special session almost fell apart. The budget cutting the second special session, where we had the budget cutting proposals, almost fell apart. And it was my feeling, and I think a feeling shared by some other people, that had this, the reduction in the social services budget been taken out of that budget cutting package, that very likely the special session would have fallen apart and we would not have accomplished the things that needed to be done at that time. So I voted for the cut at that point. So I am at this point going to support the override with some mixed feelings, but I want to be sure that everyone understands that I consider this an individual, separate circumstance and does not indicate that